

**5520. Adulteration and misbranding of oil lemon. U. S. \* \* \* v. M. Getz & Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$100. (F. & D. No. 5777. I. S. Nos. 8184-h, 17239-k.)**

On May 31, 1916, the United States attorney for the Northern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against M. Getz & Co., a corporation, San Francisco, Cal., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about May 8, 1914, and September 23, 1914, from the State of California into the State of Washington, of quantities of an article invoiced as "Oil Lemon," which was adulterated and misbranded.

Analysis of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed respectively the following results:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Specific gravity at 15.6° C-----	0.8524	0.8554
Angular rotation at 20° C (degrees)-----	+62.25	+62.38
Refractive index at 20° C-----	1.4744	1.4751
Citral (per cent)-----	2.58	3.22
Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	0.20	0.14
Examination of first 10 per cent distillate, after washing the sample with saturated salt solution, showed—		
Angular rotation at 20° C (degrees)---	59.06	59.61
Refractive index at 20° C-----	1.4726	1.4729

The above results show each sample to be washed lemon oil.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, washed lemon oil, had been substituted in whole or in part for oil lemon, which the article purported to be; and for the further reason that a valuable constituent of the article, to wit, citral, had been wholly or in part abstracted.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the article was a product consisting of washed lemon oil, and was offered for sale under the distinctive name of another article, to wit, oil lemon.

On May 3, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$100.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*